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. BAZOOKA TEAM .
. ONE BATTLE, ONE MARINE .

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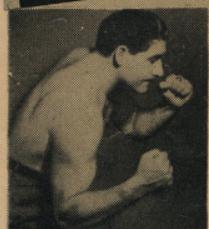
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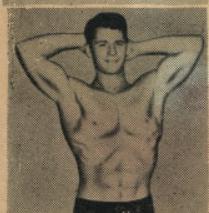
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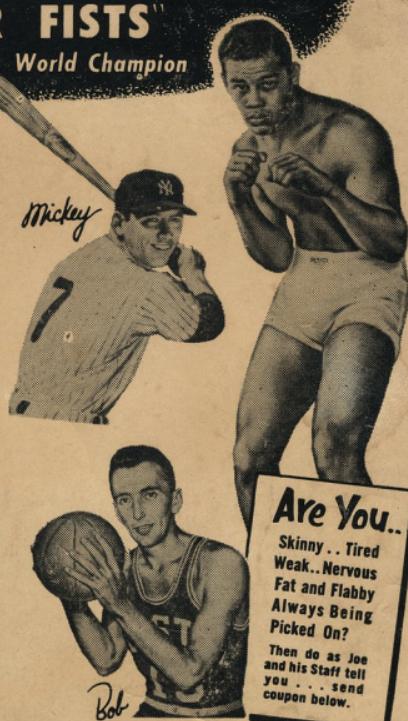
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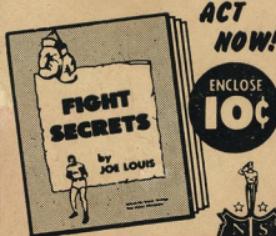
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BAZOOKA TEAM

THEY FOUGHT LIKE STRANGE CATS WHEN NO ONE WAS SHOOTING AT THEM. BUT WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN, CPL. BULL WHEELER AND PVT. RED DEVANEY WERE A PERFECT TEAM!



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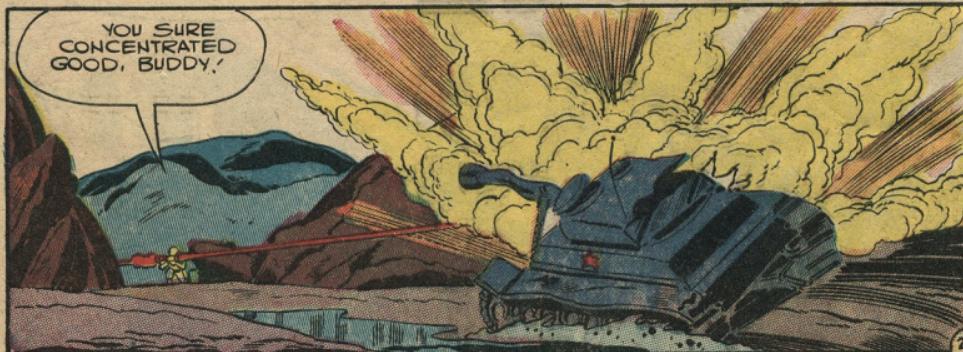
OFF THE BATTLEFIELD, THEY WERE LESS AMIABLE...



YES, WHEELER HAD THE STRIPES... BUT DEVANEY WASN'T SO DUMB...



SPLITTING THE LOAD EQUALLY, DEVANEY AND WHEELER INCHED ACROSS THE SPACE BETWEEN RED SPOTTED TANK AND...



FIGHTIN' MARINES

LOOK OUT,
BULL! THAT
PLUMBIN'
AN' LET'S
GO!

NO GOOT,
RUNT! IT'S
YOUR TURN TO
CARRY IT!

I SPRAINED MY ANKLE,
REMEMBER? WE KNOW
I DIDN'T BUT THE
LIEUTENANT
DOESN'T. IF
I CARRY IT,
I'LL LIMP
SOMETHIN'
AWFUL!

AN' I'LL
GET CHEW-
ED OUT,
OKAY, YOU
WIN THIS
TIME!

DON'T PRESS
YOUR LUCK,
REDHEAD,
DIVE IN
A HOLE!

THAT BIG
SLOB
NEEDS
PROTECTIN'!



LATER, BULL SOUGHT RE-
VENGE....

YUH TRICKED
ME ONCE TOO
OFTEN!
I'LL...

LET 'IM
ALONE!
PICK ON
SOMEONE
YOUR OWN
SIZE!

THIS WAS A
PRIVATE ARGU-
MENT BUT
I'LL OPEN
FOR...

ONE SIDE,
PARDNER,
I'LL HANDLE
THIS CREEP.
SAY THAT
AGAIN, PAL.

I WAS
JUST
TRYIN'...
YOU
GUYS
ARE
CRAZY!

IT DOESN'T PAY
TO INTERFERE
WHEN THEM
ROOSTERS START
CROWIN'. THEY
FIGHT WITH
EACH OTHER
AND FOR EACH
OTHER!



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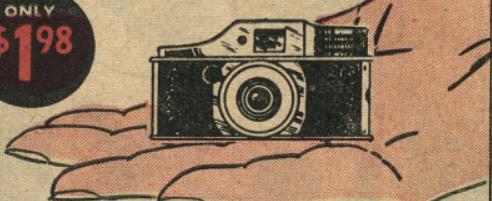


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THE COMPANY WAS DUG IN NEAR THE ONLY ROAD THROUGH THE HILLS. THE ORDERS WERE TO BLOCK IT AT ALL COSTS BUT THEN... THE TANKS CAME...

WE HAVE NO ARTILLERY CLOSE ENOUGH, CAPTAIN! DO WHAT YOU CAN BUT HOLD YOUR POSITION!

ROGER! WHERE'S THAT BAZOOKA TEAM? CORPORAL WHEELER!



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IT WAS POINT BLANK RANGE! WHEELER'S FIRST CHARGE EXPLODED INSIDE THE RED TANK...



GLANCED OFF! THEY'RE SURE MAD AT ME TOO! WHERE'S THAT REDHEAD?



WHILE BULL WAS DODGING BULLETS, RED DEVANEY WAS CRAWLING CLOSER TO THE TANK. HE LEAPED FROM A ROCK, HAULED A FIRING PORT SHIELD ASIDE AND...



NICE WORK, BOYS! COME ON, MEN!



AND ONCE THE BATTLE WITH THE REDS WAS OVER, THE ENDLESS BICKERING WITH EACH OTHER BEGAN AGAIN...

HOW DO YA KNOW I'M FAKIN' A SORE BACK? YA GOTTA TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

CARRY THAT STUFF! I'M A CORPORAL! HE HAS TUH DO IT, DON'T HE, SIR?

DON'T DRAG ME INTO IT!
FIGHTING THE REDS IS TOUGH ENOUGH!

END

FIGHTIN' MARINES THE **BEST OUTFIT** in the **WORLD**

WHAT MAKES THEM TICK? HOW CAN ANY GROUP OF MEN GET SO COCKY THAT THEY THINK THEY'RE THE BEST... THEN GO OUT AND PROVE IT WHERE IT COUNTS, ON THE BATTLEFIELD? TAKE YOUNG JOE SMITH... A DECORATED HERO IN ACTION... AN AVERAGE KID IN HIS HOME TOWN BEFORE HE DONNED THE MARINE UNIFORM. WHAT CHANGED HIM?

HEY, I KNOW THAT KID! USED TO BE A TIMID LITTLE GUY-- HE'S FROM MY HOME TOWN. WHAT CHANGED HIM?

THE MARINE CORPS! IT CHANGES ALL OF US. I HAD SMITH IN MY COMPANY WHEN HE FIRST HIT CAMP.



"YOU'RE RIGHT. HE WAS ON THE TIMID SIDE. BUT WE HAD A DRILL INSTRUCTOR WHO KNEW HOW TO HANDLE YOUNG FELLOWS LIKE HIM..."

"ALL RIGHT, BOOTS! TRY TO STAND UP STRAIGHT! IF THAT UNIFORM WE GAVE YOU DOESN'T FIT NOW, IT WILL. YOU'LL GROW UP TO IT!"



I'LL SEE THAT YOU DO. YOU'D BETTER OR ELSE...



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A LOT OF THE TRAINING DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO YOUNG SMITH AT FIRST. TAKEN SEPARATELY, MAYBE SOME OF IT DOESN'T...



THOSE FIRST DAYS, THE BOOTS HATED THE MARINES AND THE SERGEANT. MARINE BOOT CAMP ISN'T EXACTLY A VACATION SPOT...



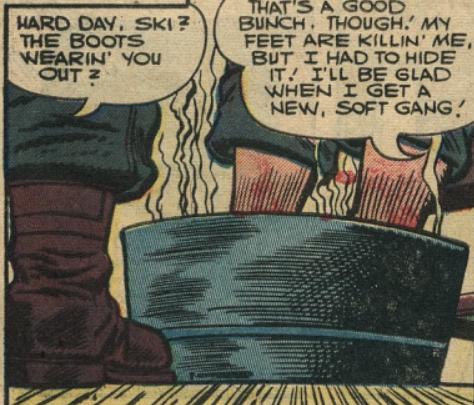
TIRED, BOOTS? AFTER ONLY TWENTY-NINE MILES UNDER FULL PACKS? ALL RIGHT-- LET'S RUN THE LAST MILE! DOUBLE TIME...MAARRCH!



THEY WERE TIRED THAT NIGHT -- BUT A LITTLE SURPRISED THAT THEY COULD DO IT... AND BEGINNING TO BE A LITTLE PROUD...



MEANWHILE, IN THE DRILL INSTRUCTOR'S QUARTERS...



YEAH -- AN' YOU'LL TURN THEM INTO MARINES TOO AND THEY'LL WEAR YOU OUT TOO, WE CAN'T WIN, SKI!



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THEN, THE BIG DAY -- THE DAY WHEN BOOT CAMP WAS FINISHED AND THEY STOPPED BEING 'BOOTS' AND BECAME MARINES...



OKAY, SMITTY! I GAVE YOU AND THE OTHERS A HARD TIME! WANT REVENGE OUT IN THE BOONDOCKS?

NOT ME, SARGE! YOU TAUGHT US PLENTY BUT NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU. I WANT TO BUY YOU A DRINK!

YOU BOYS ARE PRETTY COCKY NOW. REMEMBER, YOU'RE MARINES. DON'T DO ANYTHING TO DISGRACE THE UNIFORM! SHOVE OFF -- YOU'RE ON PASS!



SMITH, AND SOME OF THE OTHERS, WENT BACK TO THEIR PRE-MARINE WAY OF THINKING AT FIRST. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WAS A HUSKY CIVILIAN IN A PLACE IN TOWN...



YOU GYRENES THINK YOU'RE ROUGH! I'M HERE TO PROVE I'M ROUGHER! NOW, CRAWL OR COME OUTSIDE!

I JUST WANT TO DRINK MY COFFEE IN PEACE!

WHERE YOU GOIN'? BACK TO CAMP WITH YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS?

UH... YEAH... I'M TIRED, SARGE.



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WELL, YOU'RE GOIN' TO TAKE A BEATIN' BEFORE YOU SACK IN! EITHER I DO THE JOB OR THAT LOUDMOUTH INSIDE DOES! TAKE YOUR CHOICE!

I...
I'LL
TACKLE
THE
LOUD-
MOUTH.

SMITH KNEW SKI MEANT IT AND ONCE HE KNEW HE HAD TO DO IT, HE WASN'T SO SCARED ANY MORE ...

DRINK FASTER, BUSTER!
I'M IN A HURRY TO GET
THAT BEATING YOU
PROMISED ME!

WHAT TH...?
I'LL BREAK
YOU IN
HALF.



THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNIN', SONNY!



SMITTY TOOK IT! BUT HE WAS IN SHAPE AND HE CAME BACK FOR MORE...



NEXT TIME, DON'T BOTHER A MARINE!

COME ON,
SMITTY! HE
DIDN'T KNOW
ANY BETTER.



I WAS LEADING HIS PLATOON WHEN WE LANDED IN KOREA. JOE SMITH WAS ALWAYS THERE -- QUIET, DEPENDABLE -- A MAN WHO KNEW HE WAS AS GOOD AS THE NEXT ONE...

HOW'S IT GOIN',
SMITTY?
NERVOUS?

SURE! WE ALL
ARE! BUT WE
FIGURE WE'RE
AS GOOD AS
THEM REDS
ANY DAY!



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AND WE ARE! SMITTY, OUT THERE, IS DOING A JOB HE KNOWS AS WELL AS OUR INSTRUCTORS CAN TEACH! THE REST HE'LL LEARN OUT HERE!

HEY, BOOT CAMP WAS TOUGHER THAN THIS!

YEAH, BUT REMEMBER, WE NEED YOU! DON'T TAKE UNNECESSARY CHANCES!

DROP BACK, SMITTY, THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM.

I WON'T LET THE BAD MEN GET YOU, SARGE.



PPC. JOE SMITH SURVIVED THAT SKIRMISH AND MANY MORE. FINALLY, HIS OUTFIT WAS ROTATED TO THE STATES AND HE GOT A LEAVE TO GO HOME ...

HEY, THERE'S SMITTY!
LOOKS PRETTY SHARP, EH?

YEAH!
THEM MARINES ARE COCKY.
AIN'T THEY?

STATION
MASTER



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LOOK, ACE. LET'S SKIP THE KID STUFF. I WANT TO GET HOME AND SEE MY FOLKS!

DON'T HAND US THAT! YOU'RE STILL CHICKEN LIKE YOU ALWAYS WERE!



I'M NOT, ACE--NOW. DO US BOTH A FAVOR, LET ME GO.

NOT TILL I'M READY--AN' I'M NOT READY!



ACE WASN'T READY FOR WHAT HAPPENED NEXT... JOE WAS ROCK HARD AND HIS REFLEXES LIGHTNING FAST...

COOL OFF! MAYBE THIS WILL SLOW YOU DOWN.

I'M GONNA... OOOOF!



WOW. I DIDN'T THINK ACE WOULD FOLD UP FROM A LITTLE JAB LIKE THAT!

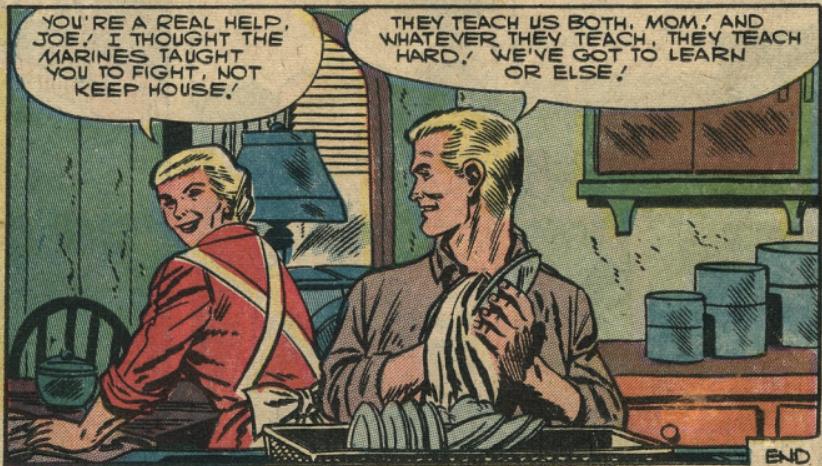
THAT LITTLE JAB MADE ME SICK THE FIRST TIME I GOT ONE. HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A MINUTE!



JOE'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOUND JOE UN-CHANGED AT FIRST... THEN THEY BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THE MARINES HAD CHANGED HIM DOWN DEEP INSIDE...

YOU'RE A REAL HELP, JOE! I THOUGHT THE MARINES TAUGHT YOU TO FIGHT, NOT KEEP HOUSE!

THEY TEACH US BOTH, MOM, AND WHATEVER THEY TEACH, THEY TEACH HARD! WE'VE GOT TO LEARN OR ELSE!



END

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SPOTTING IT PLEASE
CALL US AT ONCE!

I'LL BET IT'S
A FLYING
SAUCER!

LET'S GET OUR
TELESCOPE AND
BINOCULARS
AND SEE!

HEY! THAT LOOKS
LIKE AN EARTH
SATELLITE!

GOOD WORK, BETTY AND
JIM! YOU ARE THE
FIRST TO SPOT OUR
NEW OBSERVATION
SATELLITE!

I CAN
SEE IT
CLEARLY.

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JIM'S PICTURES
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THEM, AND LOTS MORE SWELL
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MARINE PAUL JONES

From the days of the ancient Phoenicians and Greeks, fighting ships have carried units of marines — "soldiers of the sea" to fight as the need required on land or sea. Modern marines fight in the air as well.

Long ago in the days of wind-driven ships, marine sharpshooters swarmed aloft and, from high in the rigging, picked off the enemy as hostile men-of-war came within musket range. To make a landing, marines and sailors from several ships in small boats went ashore.

It was going badly for Captain John Paul Jones and his ill fitted ship, the BONHOMME RICHARD, that afternoon of September 23, 1779. The captain had been cruising in the enemy's waters off the coast of Scotland looking for trouble and found it. He found it in the form of the huge British frigate SERAPIS. Jones had closed with his opponent in an attempt to bring the target within range of his cannon.

On the first broadside, many of the RICHARD'S cannons exploded, killing and wounding a number of the crew. And as the two vessels drew alongside, the superior-gunned SERAPIS poured round after round into the American ship.

The battle might well have ended differently, but Jones ordered the United States Marines into the "fighting tops" where they delivered such a galling rifle fire to the enemy's upper decks that gunners refused to man their stations. When the British commander called for Jones to strike his colors, he shouted, "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight."

And how right he was, for while their comrades were sweeping the enemy's decks, several marines crawled out on the mainyard and tossed hand grenades into the hatches of the SERAPIS. A grenade exploded in the powder magazine and the enemy ship was rocked by explosions below decks. The fight was soon over and America had achieved her first major sea victory.

Today the Marine Corps uses helicopters and transport planes, as well as landing craft, to put men ashore where they are needed to seize harbors, islands, and airfields required by the Navy as advanced bases. Thus the Marine Corps serves as a body of fighting men set up within the framework of the Department of the Navy. They have a three-pronged job, as the well known "Marines' Hymn" states:

We fight our Country's battles,

In the air, on land and sea."

Marine Paul Jones was no blood descendant of the famous commander of the BONHOMME RICHARD. He sat behind a desk at the Marine Experimental Research Station and typed reports. He was a thin small-tired looking marine whose eyeglasses seemed to shield his entire face. Beautiful red headed Alice Murtin spoke her thoughts about this particular marine.

"He's so dumb it really doesn't seem possible that such a person could exist. He thinks I am the greatest girl in the world. He would gladly fight a thousand men for me. He told me that himself."

"But are you certain he's our man," demanded Saul Victor. "Time is running short. Our government must know the exact nature of the work they are carrying out at the experimental station. We know definitely it has the highest priority rating."

Alice Murtin smiled as a woman would when she was certain she had the man under her thumb.

"I'll tell him right now what I want. He'll be here in a few minutes."

"You are going to put it bluntly," said Saul Victor. "For treason is a nasty word. I don't think you could get him to go against his own country."

"You are perfectly right," agreed Alice Murtin. "I intended to do just one thing. Use his dumbness as the weapon to get what we want. I hear the bell. Get out the back way."

Alice Murtin answered the bell and opened the door. Before her stood Marine Paul Jones. In his right hand he held a dozen American roses. In his left hand he held a big box of candy.

"All for you," he sighed. "The most wonderful woman in the world. Just say the word. I would do anything for you."

"Anything?" teased Alice Murtin as she took the two gifts from the marine and placed them on a table top.

"Go ahead and test me," he insisted.

"I know you must be a very important man with the marines," she continued. "And I am certain you are doing something very important. Bring me a souvenir of your work tomorrow evening when you call on me. I am having the car fixed. We will go out for a ride. I have a big headache. Would you forgive me, darling, if I said good night to you now?"

Marine Paul Jones promised to get Alice Murtin what she wanted the next evening. She was elated and watched from her window as the young man crossed the street. Then she dialed a number.

"Sirgovitch," she said. "Saul Victor told me how important this assignment was. I think I will be successful by tomorrow in getting some idea of what is happening. Reserve a table for me at the Cafe Blue."

The next evening Marine Paul Jones called upon the young lady. He took from his coat pocket a bullet and showed it to her. The tip of the bullet was plastic not metal. She looked at it and placed it on a table top.

"A big surprise for my darling," she informed him. "My Uncle Tom called me. Said he had a table reserved at the Cafe Blue. But he can't use it. Must leave at once on an important business trip. So we can go there and have a good time."

"But we must be back before two in the morning," warned the marine. "I have a special pass. I did some extra work and they gave me time off. The Big Marine Experiment takes place soon."

Alice Murtin looked at her face in the mirror. She needed an excuse to go into the bedroom and use the other phone.

"Think I'll powder up a bit more. You wait here, darling."

In the bedroom she rushed to the phone and called Sirgovitch.

"You and Saul be here at three this morning. I think I have something for you. And more to come."

Alice Murtin was confident that the young marine was half in dreamland and half in a happy happy world of his own creation. He wasn't a bad dancer. Only stepped upon her feet about six times. She drove him back to the Marine Base in her car.

"See you tomorrow evening, darling," she waved to him.

Half an hour later she was in her apartment. Facing her were Saul Victor and the red top agent known as Sirgovitch. She handed Saul Victor the bullet. He removed the plastic tip of the bullet. It was empty.

"We must know what goes into this plastic shell," said Saul Victor.

The next evening Marine Paul Jones called upon Alice Murtin. He handed her a small metal container. It looked exactly like a carbon dioxide

cartridge.

"Every marine is given one of these at the grounds just before . . ."

He stopped as though he suddenly remembered not to say any more.

"Just before what?" demanded Alice Murtin with a bit of impatience in her voice.

"You wouldn't believe me if I told you," explained the young marine. "But I could get you a film. They took a film and I know where it is."

Alice Murtin could hardly believe her own ears. This was too good to be true.

"Bring that film here tomorrow evening," she told him. "I will get a projector. You can then show it to me."

When he left she called Sirgovitch and told him the big news. He decided to do something unusual. He would contact the director of all red espionage in America, known simply as Agent 2-V.

The next evening, Marine Paul Jones came with the film. He found himself facing a gun in the hand of Sirgovitch. There were two other men in the room.

"Give me the film," said Sirgovitch.

"It's the wrong film," said the marine. "This is about a comic mouse."

"Don't believe him," shouted Alice Murtin. "Put it on the projector and we can see for ourselves."

It really was a film about a comic mouse who played with a bullet that had a plastic tip and a cartridge filled with carbon dioxide.

"I'm sorry," apologized the marine. "I'll get the other film."

"No man could be really as dumb as that," said Sirgovitch.

"You're right," smiled the marine. "On the fire escape are three expert sharpshooters. Move an inch and they'll shoot you. Drop the gun."

Major Paul Jones, head of the Marine Counter Espionage was very well satisfied with the results. They had the entire group of red agents in the net.

"So that's your dumb marine for you," Saul Victor snarled at Alice Murtin.

"Shut up," was all she could say. For she suddenly realized how dumb they all were to walk into the net when they thought they were setting one themselves.



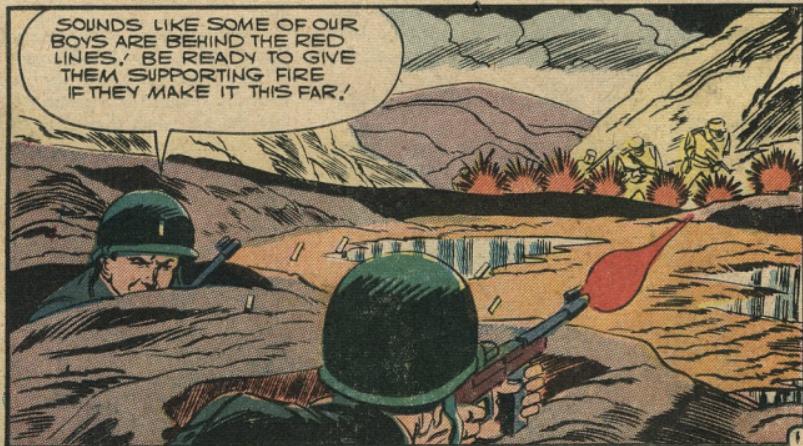
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ONE BATTLE, ONE MARINE

HERE WAS A LOT OF GOOD NATURED KIDDING WHEN MARINE CPL. TUG RODMAN FOUND HIMSELF BATTLING THE REDS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH GI'S. BUT RODMAN WAS A ONE MAN ARMY WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTED...



THE SECTOR HAD BEEN QUIET ALL MORNING. SUDDENLY, FIRING BROKE OUT BEHIND THE RED LINES. THE ARMY SQUAD WAITED, ALERT...



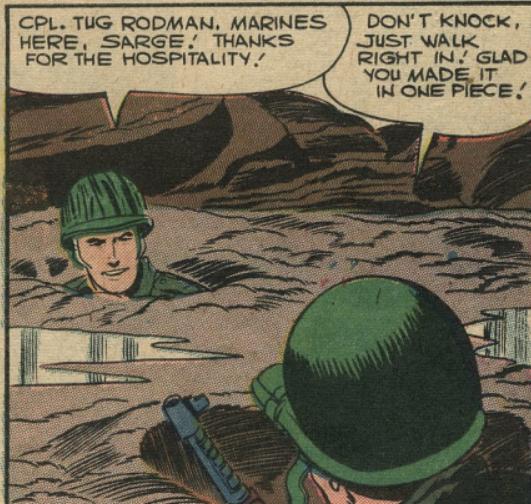
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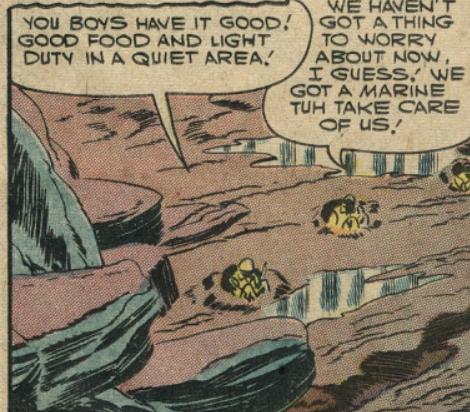
THEY
DIDN'T HAVE
LONG TO
WAIT.
SUDDENLY,
THE NEAR-
EST REDS
WENT
DOWN
FROM A
SUB-
MACHINE
GUN
BURST
AND...



PICK ANOTHER FOXHOLE
NEXT TIME! THEY'LL
THROW EVERYTHING
THEY'VE GOT AT
THIS FOXHOLE!



LATER, RODMAN HAD CHOW WITH
HIS NEW BUDDIES...



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FIGHTIN' MARINES

GOOD NEWS, MARINE! I'VE GOT A LIFT TO THE REAR AREA FOR YOU, YOU CAN GET BACK TO YOUR OWN OUTFIT FROM THERE!

THERE WILL BE FIGHTING AROUND HERE PRETTY QUICK, RIGHT, SIR?

THAT'S RIGHT, WHY?
I RECKON I'LL WAIT A WHILE, THEN, SORT OF HELP YOUR BOYS OUT, SIR!

RODMAN'S NEEDLING GOT UNDER THE ARMY'S SKIN. THEY WERE OUT TO SHOW THE MARINE HOW THEY OPERATED UNDER FIRE...



THE REDS WERE MASSING FOR A GENERAL ATTACK! IN TUG, RODMAN'S AREA, THEY HAD TO CROSS A SMALL, CLEARED FIELD...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? OUR ORDERS ARE TO STICK HERE AND HOLD GROUND!

THERE'S A NATURAL FOXHOLE UP AHEAD! IF I CAN GET THERE, I'LL BE ABLE TO SLOW 'EM DOWN BEFORE THEY REACH HERE!



THOSE GI'S ARE MAD ENOUGH TO BITE! I SURE LOVE TO NEEDLE 'EM!

THERE'S A MILLION OF 'EM! I'LL WAIT AND PUT MY TWO CENTS IN WHEN THEY GO BY.



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THE REDS OUTNUMBERED THE YANKS PLenty... FOR A MINUTE, IT LOOKED AS THOUGH THEIR NUMBERS ALONE WOULD WIN THE HILL! THEN, A SUBMACHINE GUN OPENED UP IN THEIR REAR...

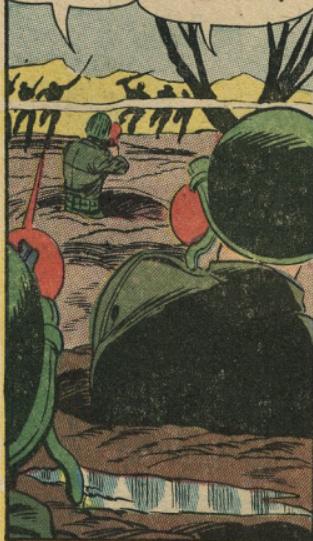
LAY INTO THEM, GROUND-POUNDERS!

HIT 'EM HARD! THAT GYRENE'S TOMMY GUN HAS 'EM SHOOK UP!

THEY CAUGHT 'EM CHANGIN' CLIPS! BULLSEYE! THE SARGE LAID IT IN THERE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' BACK HERE? IT'S NOT CHOW TIME YET!

I GOT LONESOME-SOME OUT THERE, EVEN ARMY CHATTER IS BETTER THAN THAT!



NOW, IF THIS WAS A MARINE OUTFIT, WE'D BE CHASIN' THEM REDS INTO THE HILLS!

PIPE DOWN ABOUT THE MARINES, RODMAN! WE DO PRETTY GOOD, TOO!

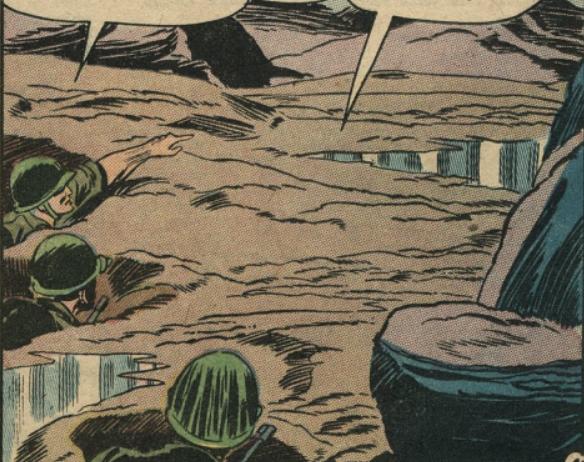
THE ARGUMENT STOPPED WHEN A CAPTAIN FROM THE COMMAND POST DASHED UP -- HE HAD A NASTY

JOB TO DO -- A REAL NASTY ONE ...

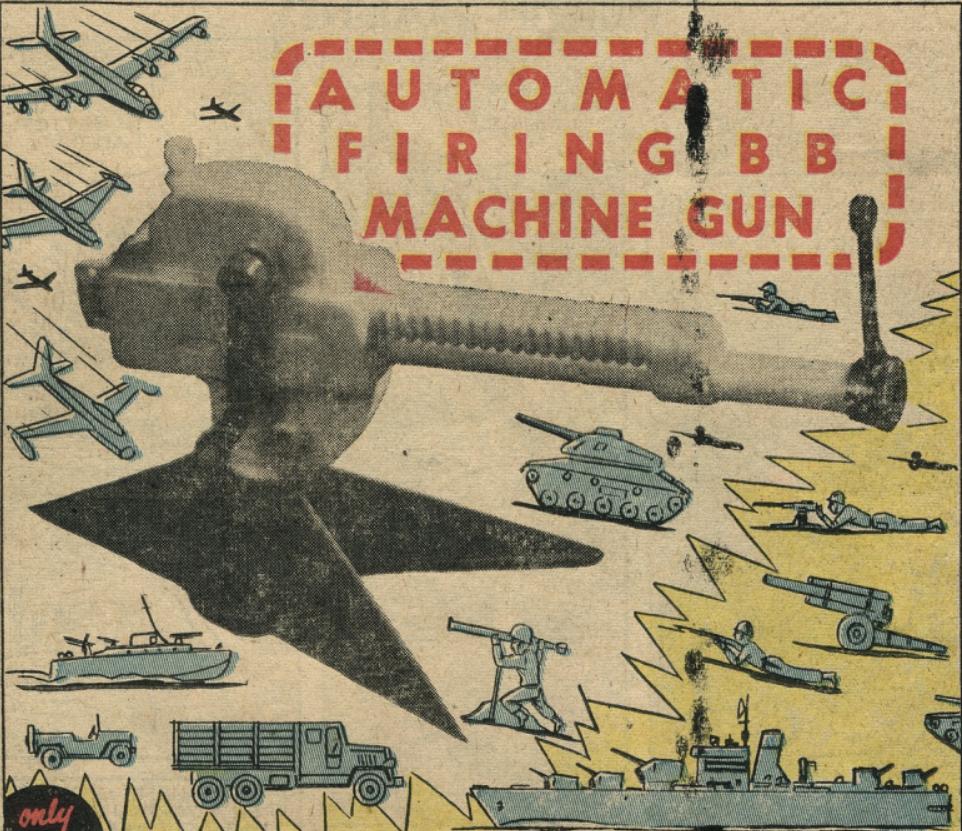


WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT HILL, SERGEANT! THE REDS HAVE AN ARTILLERY OBSERVER UP THERE, LOOKING DOWN OUR THROATS!

I TOLD HIM, THAT, CAPTAIN! IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE!



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OKAY, THEN! IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA, COME ALONG! COME ON, GANG!



YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME, SARGE! I GOT THE COMMIE WHO HAD US ZEROED IN!



IN SHORT SPRINTS, COVERING EACH OTHER, THE SQUAD, PLUS ONE MARINE, FOUGHT THEIR WAY TOWARD THE HILL...

SURPRISE!
OVER HERE,
SARGE!



THOSE REDS ARE DUG IN GOOD, ONLY ONE WAY TO TAKE IT UNLESS YOU GOT A TRICK UP YOUR SLEEVE.'



NOPE!
WE DON'T
KNOCK!
JUST WALK
RIGHT IN!

THAT SHOULD GET A FEW OF THEM!

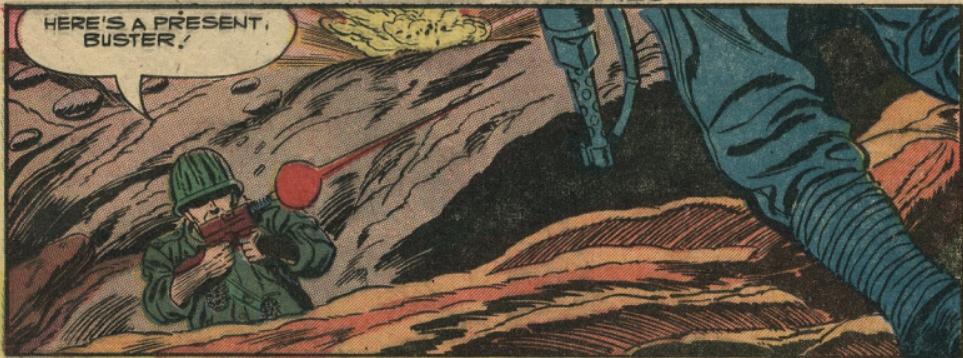
DON'T STOP TO COUNT, COME ON!

RAT-TA-TA-TA

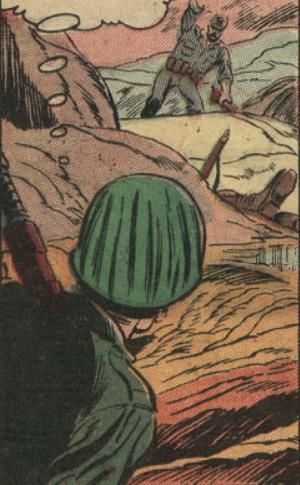


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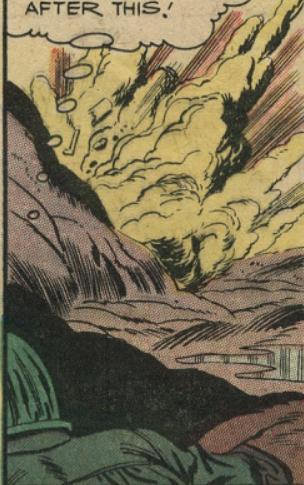
HERE'S A PRESENT,
BUSTER!



I'M SUNK-- GUN'S
EMPTY! OH,
OH, I'D BETTER
GET DOWN!



ANOTHER BULLSEYE
FOR THE ARMY.
I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT
THEY'RE GOOD
AFTER THIS!



THE YANKS OCCUPIED THE
STRATEGIC HILL ... BUT WITH-
OUT HELP, THEY KNEW
THEY COULDN'T HOLD IT
LONG ...



A MOMENT LATER, THE REDS FELL BACK!
MORE YANKS WERE ON HAND...

SEE, RODMAN? THE ARMY
REALLY LOOKS AFTER
ITS MEN!



TAKE AN-
OTHER
LOOK,
SARGE, THE
MARINES JUST
LANDED!



WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE?
WE'RE FIGHTIN'
ON THE SAME
SIDE ANYHOW.

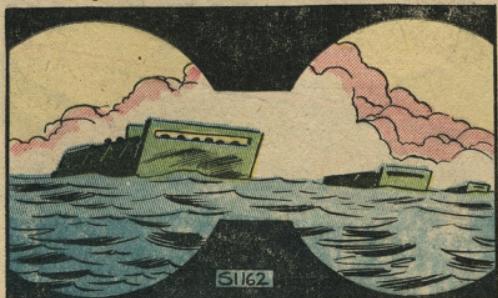
YEAH! THERE'S
ENOUGH REDS FOR
BOTH OUTFITS TUH
PRACTICE ON!



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THE MARINES ARE COMING



AMERICAN MARINES COMING RIGHT TO BEACH WHERE OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORT SAID THEY WOULD. SOON AS THEY COME IN RANGE, WE GIVE THEM MOST WARM WELCOME!



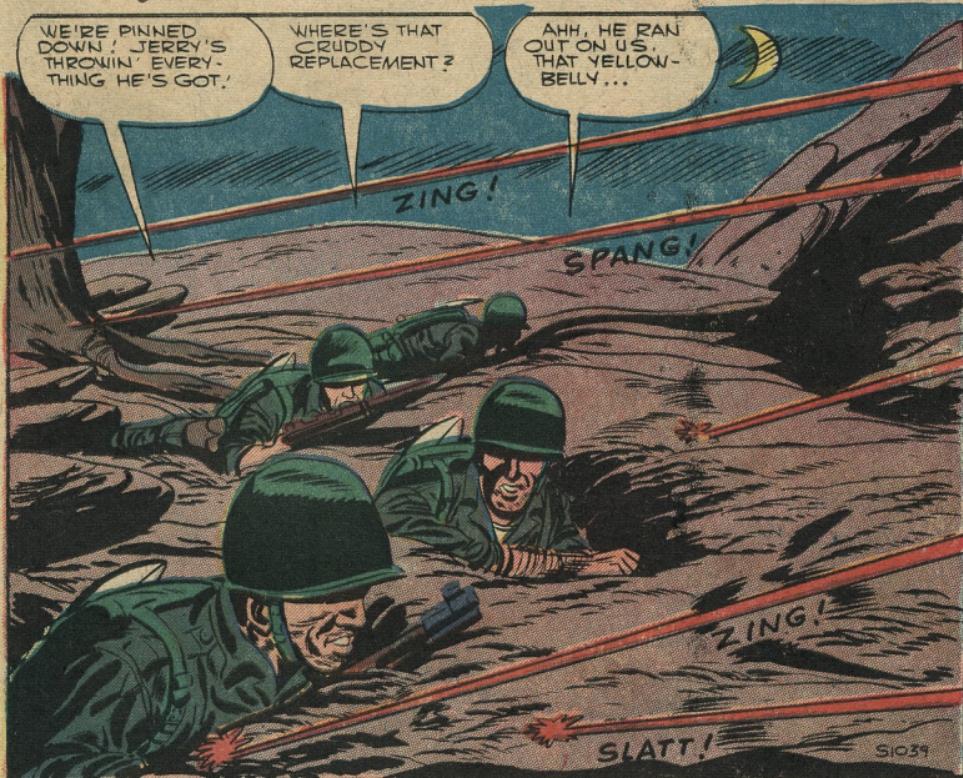
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The REPLACEMENT

WE'RE PINNED DOWN! JERRY'S THROWIN' EVERYTHING HE'S GOT!

WHERE'S THAT CRUDDY REPLACEMENT?

AHH, HE RAN OUT ON US. THAT YELLOW-BELLY...



THEY WERE THE FIRST SQUAD OF E COMPANY -- AND RIGHT UP TILL THAT LAST REST PERIOD, THEY'D BEEN FIRE-EATERS, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM....

UP AND AT 'EM,
FIRST SQUAD!



BUT THAT WAS WHEN THEY'D STILL HAD JABOTINSKY WITH THEM -- GOOD OLD COMBAT - HEP JAB WHO'D DRAGGED THEM THROUGH SCRAPES SO TIGHT THAT A NYLON THREAD COULDN'T HAVE SQUEEZED THROUGH



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BUT THEN THEY'D BEEN KILLED BACK TO THE REST AREA...

IT'S GONNA BE SWEET, JUST SITTIN' AROUND WITHOUT HAVIN' TO DUCK SHELLS. HUH, JAB?

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

AND JUST WHEN THEY'D BEEN READY TO SET OUT ON PASS TOGETHER...

JABOTINSKY -- REPORT TO THE FIRST SERGEANT ON THE DOUBLE, YOU'RE GOING HOME ON ROTATION, MAN!

I DON'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT BUSTIN' UP THE SQUAD!

YOU GOT BATTLE FATIGUE OR SOMETHING? IF ANYBODY DESERVES TO GO HOME IT'S YOU!

GOSH--WE'LL SURE MISS HIM!

YEAH, IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT GOOD OLD JAB!

IT'D TAKE A CORPS OF SHERMAN TANKS TO REPLACE HIM!

HEY, WHO YA THINK YA'RE BUNKIN' INTO?

AH'M RIGHT SORRY, SIR!

COULD YE ALL TELL ME WHERE THE FIRST SQUAD IS? AH'VE BEEN LOOKIN' AN' LOOKIN'...

OH, NO! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THE REPLACEMENT FOR JAB!

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A ROOKIE SO GREEN... HE CAN'T EVEN FIND HIS SQUAD IN BROAD DAY-LIGHT BACK IN REST AREA!

BETCHA THE HILLBILLY THINKS AN AMMO CUP IS SOMETHING TO STORE CORN IN?

MY NAME'S TOM BOONE! IF THIS HERE'S MY SQUAD... I'M RIGHT GLAD TO MEET YE-ALL!



THEY CALL THIS A REST?

THAT'S THE ARMY FOR YA!



AND SO... ONE THING'S FOR SURE--HE HASN'T BEEN REPLACED!

FIGHTIN' MARINES

THAT NIGHT...

THERE'S A HOUSE ON THE RIDGE OVER HERE THAT'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT OBSERVATION POST! MOVE OUT, FIRST SQUAD -- AND SECURE THAT HOUSE!

LATER...

THERE'S THE HUNK OF PRECIOUS REAL ESTATE UP AHEAD!

HMPF -- I WOULDN'T BUY IT AT HALF THE PRICE!

IT WAS WATSON WHO STUMBLLED...

SUDDENLY...

HIT THE DIRT,/ JERRY'S RENTED THAT HOUSE ALREADY!

KLANG!

PING!

ZING!

BEOWWW!

EVERYBODY PRESENT AND ALL IN ONE PIECE?

EVERYBODY BUT THAT CRUDDY REPLACEMENT! THE YELLOW-BELLY RAN OUT ON US!

OF ALL THE ...

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WH - WHAT'S OUR NEXT STOP
ON THIS PLEASURE CRUISE,
SARGE ? JERRY'S
STARTIN' TO THROW
MORTAR SHELLS
AT US !

LOOKS
LIKE
WE'RE
CHECK-
MATED !

ANY MOVE WE MAKE
WOULD TAKE US CLEAR
ACROSS AN OPEN
FIELD OF FIRE !



JUST THEN ...



WHAT WAS THAT?

SOUNDED LIKE ONE OF OUR GARANDS FIRING OVER ON THE FLANK !

D-DO YA THINK IT COULD BE...?



AT THAT MOMENT ...

THIS HERE ARMY PIECE SHOOTS RIGHT FINE ! RECKON THAT JERRY MORTAR CREW WON'T BE PESTERIN' MY BUDDIES ANY MORE TONIGHT !



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SARGE, IT MUST BE THE REPLACEMENT UP THERE! HE PUT THE MORTAR CREW OUT OF COMMISSION!



IT'S RIGHT - QUIET DOWN THERE! WONDER IF THAT MORTAR CREW WAS HOLDIN' THE HOUSE BY THEIR LONESOME ...



THE AMERIKANER SNIPER! I CAN SEE HIM!



GOOD! MAKE THE AMERIKANER KEEP HIS HEAD DOWN WHILE WE PLACE THE MACHINE GUN IN POSITION!



UH-OH, THOSE JERRY BULLETS ARE CHEWIN' GROUND RIGHT CLOSE TO THIS-HERE SON OF KAINTUCK' ...



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JUST THEN ...



UP AN' AT 'EM, FIRST SQUAD! LET'S FINISH THE JOB THAT OUR GRENADES STARTED!



LATER ...



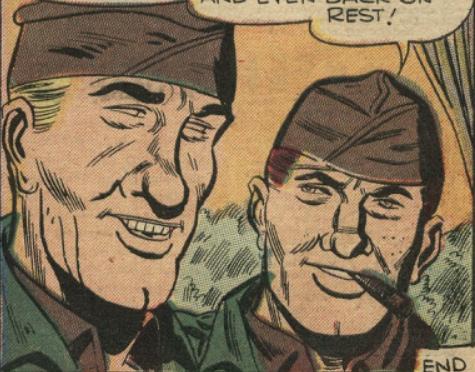
HEY, SARGE -- I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHIN'... HIS NAME IS BOONE. COULD...

YUP -- DAN'L BOONE WAS ONE OF MY KIN A LONG WAY BACK! SHARP-SHOOTIN' SORT OF RUNS IN MY FAMILY. AH RECKON.'

THE NEXT TIME E COMPANY'S FIRST SQUAD GOT BACK TO REST ...



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